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Via ECFS
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

Ideally, Internet access should be a public and free service, guaranteed to all. With the capitalist system we have today, that is not yet possible. Instead, we rely on a system of competition, even though it does not work well for public goods such as utilities (water, electric, roads, telecommunications, network). With telecom, the barrier to entry for new competitors is high, but lessened by the rules requiring major players to sell at wholesale prices the unbundled network assets. Reversing that would be a terrible mistake. It moves us further from the ideal, stifles competition, and only benefits the monopolies.

Telecom specifically has very little competition as-is. I support small business, and this rule change would remove my provider from the market.

The major companies (Comcast, ATT) have terrible customer service, terrible pricing and contract conditions, and terrible security... because they can get away with it: most of their customers have zero alternative internet providers to choose. I have been a customer to both, and the day that my current provider added support to my area was glorious, as I could finally take my money elsewhere.

Please recognize the importance of internet connectivity in the 21st century, and protect it as a public service. Your government: do your job and stand for the commoners, not for corruption.

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